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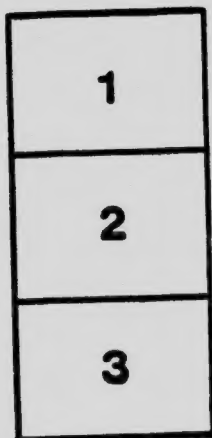
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Platform of Conservative Party

Adopted at Provincial Convention

Held at

Vancouver, Sept. 29th and 30th
1919

1. Recasting of the Conservative policy to further encourage the establishment of shipbuilding with particular reference to steel ships, in order to establish a British Columbia merchant marine fleet.
2. Every aid and encouragement which is reasonable to first prove the presence and extent of iron ore bodies by systematic exploration, in order to lead to the establishment of steel industries and to co-operate in every way with the Dominion and encourage assistance from that source.
3. Encouragement to be given to the revival of mineral prospecting in our hills.
4. The original Conservative policy to encourage mineral development by assistance in building roads and trails to prospects and mines to be further enlarged.
5. Government ownership and control of water for irrigation purposes, construction of storage reservoirs and

main canals as a public utility; assistance to distribution of irrigation water by guarantee of bonds of water municipalities; consideration of further necessary irrigation facilities by means of assistance of hydro-electric projects.

6. Same policy as above to assist owners and occupiers of low-lying lands to drain their properties, and thus render them fit for cultivation.

7. A policy of cheaper powder to assist the settler in clearing land, and also for Government to purchase a certain number of donkey engines, to be rented or purchased on easy terms by a number of farmers in any community, to be used by them in a co-operative way.

8. A revival of the Conservative policy to borrow money and in turn loan at a low rate of interest to farmers by way of agricultural loans.

9. Assistance by way of guarantee or otherwise to establish cooling plants or refrigerators at certain points and in the cities, to help the producer and also reduce the high cost of living.

10. The same policy to be followed out as regards the operation of markets in large centres.

11. An aggressive policy by our Agent-General in London to encourage the settlement of our crown lands by practical British farmers.

12. Encourage the bona fide farmer in his exertions for greater production by as low taxes as possible.

13. Present aid to returned soldiers is impracticable, and therefore a policy which would be effective at once

should be introduced to give them every reasonable and effective assistance and to aid in their being permanently settled.

14. Assistance to municipalities to help them finance, by way of share of provincial taxes collected, say, from automobiles and amusement tax of moving-picture shows, or other sources, and have these taxes collected by the Province to save administration expenses.

15. Work out a fair and an equitable scheme by which local hospitals will receive more aid from the Province.

16. Encourage the investment of capital to develop our natural industries by sane and permanent legislation, and discourage all erratic and freak legislation.

17. So far as possible collect taxes from the output of our natural resources and from those in receipt of large incomes.

18. Carrying to a final conclusion the original policy of the Conservatives to give the Peace River railway connection at earliest possible moment.

19. Recasting of our educational system with an idea of promoting practical education, the caring for the education of the blind, the deaf and dumb, etc., and also to further aid the municipalities in their work of education.

20. Legislation as to health, with a particular reference to the preservation of child life so as to grow up a sturdy race to take the places of those destroyed and incapacitated by the war.

21. Mothers' pensions.

22. Discontinue the Liberal practice of public works appropriations being used to pay the salaries of high-class officials, but the money to be used instead on needed road improvements, and our old policy of opening up the country by roads to be further expanded.

23. Retrenchment and reform in the civil service, and by economy reduce the cost of administration.

24. Curb the growing abuse of governing the Province by expensive boards and commissions, and the Ministers in future to take the responsibility of administration themselves.

25. None other than British subjects to be employed in the civil service.

26. All aliens residing in the province to be compelled to observe all our laws.

27. All laws to be enforced impartially without fear or favour.

28. Promotion and encouragement of better feeling between capital and labour, and closer co-operation.

29. Legitimate encouragement to the establishment of industries.

30. To carry on our effort to obtain better terms from Ottawa.





